



# City of Edmonds

## Community Services Department

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**To:** Mayor Haakenson, City Council members  
**From:** Stephen Clifton, AICP, Community Services Director  
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As requested by the City Council, this report has been prepared to provide an update on major projects currently being worked on by Community Services Department staff.

### **I. EDMONDS CROSSING**

#### **Description of the Proposal**

Edmonds Crossing is a regional project intended to provide a long-term solution to current operational and safety conflicts between ferry, rail, automobile, bus, and pedestrian traffic in downtown Edmonds. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) (including Washington State Ferries [WSF]), and the City of Edmonds propose to relocate the existing state ferry terminal from Main Street, in downtown Edmonds, to another site farther from the downtown core. In the process, a multimodal center would be established that would integrate ferry, rail, and transit services into a single complex. A realigned SR 104 from its current intersection with Pine Street would provide access. The new complex would provide an upgraded ferry terminal designed to meet the operational requirements for accommodating forecast ferry ridership demand; a new rail station designed to meet intercity (Amtrak) passenger service and commuter rail (Sounder) loading requirements; a transit center that would meet local bus system and regional transit system loading requirements; facilities for accommodating both vehicular commuters and walk-on passengers of the available transportation modes (parking, drop-off areas, retail/concessionaire space, and waiting areas); and a system linking these facilities to allow for the safe movement of users.

#### **Significant Activities Since April 2002**

- City staff and consultants continue to work on responses to comments from the Signatory Agency Committee (SAC) in Olympia, Washington. In order to move forward and issue a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), SAC members

must express their support for Concurrence Point #3 (the last phase of the National Environmental Policy Act Merger Agreement process).

- May 2, 2002 – Snohomish, King, and Pierce County Executives released Regional Transportation Package scenarios. Included in the scenarios is \$124 million dollars for the Edmonds Crossing project.
- May 10, 2002 – Grant application in the amount of \$3 million dollars submitted to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) in response to the 2002 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects - Regional Grant Application process.
- May 21, 2002 – Information on the Edmonds Crossing project presented to the PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee regarding the grant submitted on May 10, 2002.
- June 4, 2002 – Information on the Edmonds Crossing project presented to the Edmonds Alliance Board.
- June 6, 2002 – Information on the Edmonds Crossing project presented to the Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation.
- June 27, 2002 – The PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee members decided on which projects to include in a recommendation for funding. The recommendation was forwarded to the Transportation Management Board. The Edmonds Crossing and Mukilteo Multimodal projects were not included in the recommendation.
- July 1, 2002 – City, WSF, WSDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and CH2M Hill staff, in addition to Lummi, Suquamish, Tulalip and Swinomish Tribal representatives met to continue discussions regarding stated concerns for the proposed design of the ferry terminal within a tribal fishing resource area, review a Tribal Shrimp Fishery Issue Paper, and achieve concurrence and or direction on the next steps forward.

## **II. SOUND TRANSIT**

### **Description of the Proposal**

During the past few years, Sound Transit has been implementing what is called the *Sound Move* Plan. One element calls for commuter rail services, otherwise known as Sounder. Commuter rail will eventually link Everett in the north with Seattle, Tacoma and Lakewood in the South, a total of 82 miles through three counties. Sounder is being implemented in three phases, one of which includes Everett to Seattle. Three commuter rail stations are planned along this corridor, i.e., Everett, Mukilteo and Edmonds.

The Edmonds Station will be located between the existing Amtrak Station and Main Street along both sides of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) tracks. The

budget is \$8.062 million in 2001 dollars which will pay for environmental review, preliminary and final designs prepared by Streeter Architects, permitting, construction, and station elements such as ticket vending machines, platforms, canopies, parking, storm drainage control, lighting, signage, landscaping, etc. Station art, which will be provided on site, is a separate budget.

Everett-Seattle Sounder, at full operation, calls for 12 trains per day (or six round trips) and will include reverse trips. Specifically, four trains to Seattle and 2 trains to Everett in the morning, and vice versa in the evening. Initial service will possibly be phased in, starting with just one (roundtrip) train per day.

In an attempt to address future needs in the area, a culvert is proposed to be installed near the Marina Beach property beneath both BNSF Railroad tracks, concurrent with the construction of a second track. This will allow for the eventual daylighting of Willow Creek at the time the Edmonds Crossing project is constructed.

### **Significant Activities Since April 2002**

- June 27, 2002 – PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee voted to recommend a funding amount of \$11,400,000 to the Transportation Management Board for the Everett-Seattle Sounder project. The amount relates to PSRC 2002 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects - Regional Grant Application process referenced previously under the Edmonds Crossing project.

## **III. FIRE STATION #16**

### **Description of the Proposal**

A new fire station is proposed at 8429 - 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Edmonds, Washington. Preliminary drawings indicate a building footprint at approximately 10,000 square feet. Proposed amenities include office(s), a laundry, apparatus bay area, three (3) fire engine bays, aid and staff apparatus, equipment storage rooms, room, kitchen, dayroom, individual sleeping dorms for up to six firefighters, bathrooms, emergency power plant, and other amenities.

### **Significant Activities since April 2002**

- May 1, 2002 – City of Edmonds Architectural Design Board approved the design of Fire Station 16; see attached south and west elevations (two most visible sides).
- May 5, 2002 – City staff conducted review of 50% Completion drawings and comments were provided to TCA Architecture.
- July 18, 2002 - 90% Completion Civil Engineering Set and Specifications submitted to the City.

TCA Architecture and City staff have continued to meet regularly to discuss the proposed exterior design and interior layout of Fire Station 16. The current phase of

activities (Phase III) relates to design development and preparation of construction documents. TCA is now finalizing the design drawings, and construction, specifications and bidding documents. Phase III also includes preparing and submitting documents for permitting, responding as necessary to plan check comments, and updating cost estimates during the design development and preparation of contract and bidding documents. A value engineering review has been conducted on the project drawings and TCA Architecture has been working diligently with City staff, including Fire Department staff, to bring the projected construction cost within range of the 2001 estimated budget developed around the time the TCA Architecture contract was approved by the City Council.

#### **IV. UNOCAL SITE CLEANUP**

##### **Description of the Proposal**

The UNOCAL property consists of an upper yard, which recently contained fuel storage tanks, and a lower yard which currently contains pipes, truck-loading racks, office buildings, etc. Additionally, petroleum contamination also exists in the soil and is floating in, and on top of, ground and surface water, resulting from more than 60 years of operation. Unocal is in the early stages of cleaning up the site.

##### **Significant Activities Since April 2002**

- May, June and July, 2002 – UNOCAL continues to cleanup the upper yard in hopes of receiving certification from the Department of Ecology during the winter of 2002-2003.

#### **V. Edmonds Public Facilities District**

##### **Description of the Proposal**

The City Council, pursuant to state law, approved the formation of the Public Facilities District at its April 24, 2001 meeting. A PFD is a separate municipal corporation that has authority to undertake the design, construction, operation, promotion and financing of a Regional Center in the city. The Public Facilities District board consists of five members appointed by the City Council on June 19, 2001.

During the past couple of months, the Edmonds Public Facilities District has hired a few consulting firms and individuals to study the viability of the proposed project. These include hiring a project manager and contracting with firms to study improving the theater's facilities and systems, refining the business and marketing plan, fund raising, etc.

##### **Significant Activities Since April, 2002**

- May 23, 2002 – Edmonds PFD Board hired Kjris Lund as the Edmonds Centre for the Arts project manager.

- May 28, 2002 - City Council authorized the deferment of repayment related to cost associated with City provided services on behalf of the Edmonds PFD Board. Additionally, the Council authorized the Finance Department to move forward, from the 2003 to 2002 budget, an amount of \$50,000 to help the Edmonds PFD demonstrate viability of an Edmonds Arts Centre.
- June 15, 2002 - The Edmonds Public Facilities District refined their project vision and submitted it to the Snohomish County PFD Board and Edmonds City Council. The Edmonds Public Facilities Districts' project definition/vision can be found by entering the City of Edmonds' official web site, click on Community Links, then Edmonds Public Facilities District.
- July 2002 – The Edmonds Public Facilities District continues to work with consultants to address contingency requirements established by the Edmonds City Council and Snohomish County Public Facilities District Board.